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# TO LIEBER KAISER.

Politically and Socially Germany is in a Trance.

SILENT IN DEATH'S PRESENCE.

From Every Quarter.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S OFFERING

A Cushion Made of Twenty Thousand Violets.

A PRETTY VERSE OF PRAYER. Moltke Stops an Auction Sale-Paid

Puffs of Russian Securities in German Papers-Amerıcan Personals.

Berlin Dreary and Desolate. Berlin, May 12 .- [New York Herald

Cable-Special to the BEE. |-The weather is again cold and wintry, and overcoats rule supreme. Northerly winds whistle through the lindens raising dust such as only Berlin and Africa can produce.

Politically and socially Germany is in a trance. Everything is as still as in the presence of death. All await with silence the latest news from Charlottenburg, where the emperor's splendid constitution continues the manful struggle with the steadily increasing advance of the cancer. It is like a flickering candle, one day a little brighter, to-morrow dimmer-but his strength is gradually ebbing away, and so it will be for perhaps three weeks to come. Meanwhile messages of sympathy reach Charlottenburg from everywherefrom America, from Russia, from Brazil, from Africa. But the offering that most deeply affected the emperor was a beautiful gushion made of 20,000 violets gathered by the little children of the town of Bussleben, in east Prussia, and brought to Charlottenburg with the wish that each flower was a prayer to God to spare our emperor. The verse inscribed on the cushion of violets, in letters composed of lilies of the valley, are as follows, and as the empress read them to her husband tears came to his eyes:

Lieber Kaiser: Kinderhaende, Winden dir den schlichten strauss, Das die duftige blumenspende,

Bring den fruehling dir ins haus. Und so viele kinderherzen.

Bitten taeglich Gott fuer dich, Dass durch allen kampf und schmerzen,

Er dich fuehre vaeterlich. Lieber Kaiser: Stets aufs neue. Wenn dich veilichenduft umweht, Wird durch unserc lieb und treue, Jede bluethe ein gebet.

The emperor continues to gain strength to-day, leaning on but not supported by Mackenzie's arm. He is able to walk around the room and I have the best authority for stating the disease itself is now in better condition than at any time since the emperor left San Remo, while the present slight attack of sore throat is in no way connected with the disease itself, but merely a local trouble resulting from the bad weather of the past week. The physicians in attendance now form a happy family working together in such harmony that they have unanimously decided to resent any newspaper attacks on Mackenzie by refusing all news to the representatives of such attacking papers. The National Zeitung is the first to suffer for its own imprudence by losing its daily news about the emperor.

A recent auction was interrupted in an odd way. One of the little pencil written slips on which Emperor Frederick expressed wishes had just been sold, and a letter from Kaiser William was offered. It was from Versailles to Moltke, whom he notified of the giving of the Russian order of St. George. Moltke stopped the bidding by claiming this letter as personal property which had passed out of his hands without his own consent, how he did

Quite a sensation has been caused in the German press by the announced arrival of a Russian agent empowered to order, and what is more to the purpose, pay for a series of reading notices favorable to Russian securities. Thirty thousand marks are said to have been already spent in this way, though no one knows quite where the money has gone. Among the Americans in Berlin are Dr. Englemann, of St. Louis, and Ealbott, of Maine.

Mrs. and Miss Ambrose, of Ohio, have left Berlin for Switzerland.

Mr. Robert J. York, of Cleveland, is at Baden Baden.

Mrs. Marks, wife of ex-Governor Marks, of Tennessee, is at Wiesbaden.

Mr. Pendleton is rapidly recovering from his recent stroke of paralysis and is now living at a hotel in Wiesbaden, surrounded by

his family. Mr. Villard, now in south Germany, intends to be present at the opening on May 24 of the new Bucharest-Salonika railroad, from which grand things are expected for German and Austrian trade with the Levant. Mr. Villard will be accompanied by Dr. Paul Lindau, the German novelist.

Major Carey Sunger, of the New York National Guard, has arrived from England to study certain military subjects upon which he is preparing a report to Governor Hill.

Bismarck Settled the Dispute. LONDON, May 12 .-- The St. James Gazette says that the settlement of the dispute between the United States and Morroco was due to Prince Bismarck sending a private

ission to the sultan. Twins Poisoned By Wild Parsnins. RED LAKE, Minn., May 12 .- Two children of Joseph Digmanny, twin brethers, aged eight, were fatally poisoned by eating wild paranips to-day.

#### FAIRLY TREATED.

Lieutenant Henn Corrects an Accusa tion Against Americans.

(Copyright 1888 by James Gordon Bennett.) LONDON, May 12 .- [New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE. |- Lieutenant William Henn, R. N., addresses to the Land and Water of to-day the following timely and manly epistle:

On Board the Galatea, Ply mouth-Sir: In Messages of Sympathy Coming your article in Land and Water of May 5, on the performance of the Thistle, the following remarks appear: "There is no doubt that by side issues and far from sportsmanlike conduct the Yankees, as far as the yacht racing section are concerned, organize victory by any shabby means, and unquestionable as was the case with the Livania and the Camberia, the Thistle was another victim. Having witnessed the races between the Thistle and Volunteer I can testify that they were conducted throughout by the New York yacht club in the fairest and in the most sportsmanlike manner, and the universal wish that I heard expressed by American yachtsmen, and in fact by every one, was "May the best boat win." The reason the Thistle failed to win the American cup was simply this: She was unable ta sail as fast to windward as the so-called bastard cutter. I have sailed many races in American waters, and on every hand have met the most sportsmanlike and honorable treatment.

## THE POPE'S RESCRIPT.

A Man On the Inside Tells How It

Came About. NEW YORK, May 12 .- The Catholic News has received the following cablegram from Francis Stevens, its correspondent in Rome: The recent rescript of the holy father on the Irish question is an indication of the papal policy to be pursued with respect to the agitation now being carried on in the emerald isle. Arch-Bishop Walsh, of Dublin, had many audiences with his holiness on the subject. The pope affirms that, as far as it is in his power, he will protect the interests, of the Irish people, but that he will condemn everything in the land war of a revolutionary nature. The holy of a revolutionary nature. The holy father has gone further and informed the English government that he expects them to de something for the Irish tenant farmer. This was insisted upon by the papal secretary of state in a conference with the Duke of Norfolk. Further explanation of this de-Irish bishops, who brought the matter to the antican's attention for official action. known that Parnell was opposed to the plan of campaign, and had never taken part in it. It is believed in Rome that the interest of the Irish can best be served by means that wiil not antagonize public sentiment and bring the Irish cause into disfavor.

### ENJOINING UNCLE SAM.

A Suit By the Omaha Road to Retain Its Forfeited Grants. SIOUX CITY, Ia., May 12 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. ]-Suit was instituted today in the United States district court on behalf of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad company for an injunction to restrain the secretary of the interior and the officers of the land department from transferring title to 26,000 acres of land in this county to settlers thereon. The petition re-cites the land grant acts, the transfer of these lands to the state of Iowa in trust and the reconveyance of the same to the general government and asks that the title be con-

Supreme Court Decisions.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 12 .- | Special Telegram to THE BEE. ]-The following decisions were rendered in the supreme court to-day A. Thompson vs J. E. Maxwell, appellant, Polk district. Action on account for labor performed; opinion by Reed. Aftirmed. The Aultman & Taylor Co. vs F. H. Trainer, appellant, Ida district. Action on a promisory note; opinion by Robinson. Re-

Flora Garretson vs the Equitable Life and Endowment association, appellant, Blackhawk district. Action on a certificate of in the life of Mary Garretson; pinion by Rockrock. Affirmed. Marie A. Jones vs M. J. G. Lanicca, appelipinion by Rockrock.

ant, Dubuque district. Opinion by Reed. Re The application to sell real estate by W. R. VanBucklin, administrator with the will an-nexed, appeal from Benton district; opinion Aftirmed John Halberson vs Ole O. Brown and C. L. Ward, appellants, Buena Vista district Action in chancery to set aside and declare void certain deeds. Reversed.

The River at Burlington. BURLINGTON, Ia., May 12.-The river rose nine inches here in the last twenty-four hours and is still rising rapidly. It is now fourteen and a half feet above low water mark. The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy has abandoned trains between Burlington and Keokuk and will probably be compelled. to withdraw its trains from the Burlington, Carthage & Quincy. The Iowa Central has been abandoned east of Keithsburg. The Burlington rolling mills shut down to-day.

His Body Found. DES MOINES, Ia., May 12 .- [Special Tele gram to THE BRE. ]-The badly decomposed body of a man was found at the west end of the Diagonal bridge this afternoon. The body was in a mass of drift wood, and al-though decomposed beyond recognition has been identified as that of J. Baldwin, of drowned at Valley Junction

The Hotel Colfax Sold.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 12.-[Special Tele gram to THE BEE. -The Hotel Colfax, a great summer hotel at Colfax Springs, about twenty-five miles east of this city, was to-day sold at sheriff's sale for \$15,000. The property originally cost \$31,000. It was bought by J. H. Windsor, of this city, representing a syndicate which will probably open the hotel

An Old Settler Drops Dead. WEBSEER CITY, Ia., May 12.- Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Michael Sweeney, one of the earliest settlers and best known men in Hamilton county, dropped dead this

forenoon on the road near this city from He was about sixty years of age, very wealthy and very highly respected. Shot By a Desperado. LEXINGTON, Ky., May 12.-Jack Richardson of this county, who has the name of being a bad man, to-day shot and instantly killed Policeman Thomas Bonnell and seriously wounded William Pennington. Richardson had been arrested at the race track

for creating a disturbance and when brough

before a justice escaped. In attempting his recapture the shooting took place. The Fire Record. PIERRE, Dak., May 12.- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. ] -At an early hour this morning a fire broke out on the Main street of Blunt. town in the eastern part of the county, and before it could be got under control twelve business houses and most of the contents were destroyed. The loss is estimated at

Washington Briefs.

The secretary of the treasury this after-noon accepted \$492,000 of bonds offered. their usual work.

## THE ARMY A WRECK.

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The British Empire Totally Unprepared For War.

NEITHER ARMS OR AMMUNITION.

Startling Disclosures Make John Bull Feel in Dread.

WHAT THE COMMANDER SAYS.

Civilians Have the Power to Tighten the Purse Strings.

STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE PLAN

Will Assume No Responsibility For the Efficiency of the Force Unless His Reasonable Demands Are Complied With.

The English in a Sweat.

[Copyright 1888 by James Gordon Bennett.] LONDON, May 12 .- [New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE. ]-All the world knows that once or twice in every year John Bull takes it in his head that his house is in danger; that he is without the means of defending it. The old fit has returned and weak-headed patriots now almost as much avoid going to bed to sleep as they did in the days of Boney. How and why this new scare has arisen it may be worth while to explain, especially as we may have much of it in parliament during the next few weeks. It is an undoubted fact that the country is totally unprepared for war in spite of the money annually spent on the army and navy. The big ironclads are failures, the big guns burst when they are fired, and we have no store guns or powder for them. It is all made abroad, and if we could put one army corps in the field it is as much as we could manage. The facts are well known to naval and military men, but if they make them known to the public they get snubbed, or perhaps openly attacked, as Lord Salisbury attacked Wolseley last night. Whether Wolseley will resign or show fight remains to be seen. If he resigns the official clique he may never get another chance, and the best thing he can do is to stick to his position and make the whole truth known to the public. Lord Salisbury's wrath is formidable, but it will not suffice to ruin men

The whole truth about the English army was recently stated with the greatest frankness to a select committee of the house of commons by the Duke of Cambridge, His evidence has not yet been published, but it was given with open doors and everybody might have heard it. No doubt it offended the civilians, who are really a thread of the English army, and it seems most likely that Lord Salisbury aimed a shaft at the duke when he pro fessed to be censuring Lord Wolseley. If so, the commander-in-chief, who happens also to be the queen's cousin and a permanent official, will doubtless bear it with equanimity. The frowns of the ministry need have no terrors for him. He knows his business thoroughly. He has been at the head of the army thirtytwo years, and no man living is so well acquainted with its merits and defects He was before Randolph Churchill's select committee recently about four hours, and gave his evidence with clearness and an em phasis which made a deep impression. The horse artillery was diminished last year without his consent. The army was now very short of officers, and those actually in service were kept too much at signalling and

unless he acts very imprudently himself.

"The fact is." said the duke, "we examine too much. We are always examining. A man never has a moment's rest; a man never really does his duty; he is always examining from morning till night. I am for intelligence, but this perpetual examining I think is very unnecessary." He went on to say that the army was practically under civillian control and the military authorities could not do much while this was the case. These were his words: "I think that who ever has the purse strings has the power. I might ask for millions, but if the man with the purse says I will not give them to you, then there is an end of the matter. That responsibility I do not think any man living can take, i. e., the responsibility for keeping up an efficient army without adequate means."

other forms of study or examination.

The duke continued: "I am ready to take any responsibility but the moment that any civil element can financially cut it down, then say I am not responsible until I choose to show what I asked for and what that other more powerful element than myself has reduced."

In all this the duke went f ar beyond any thing Lord Wolsley has presumed to say. He condemns the system of placing an army nominally under the command of a soldier but virtually at the absolute mercy of a civilian. Wolsley hints at the same pointe and Lord Salisbury administers a severrebuke to him in the face of the whole country. Is it not quite clear that the blow was aimed more at the commander-inchief than at the adjutant general The ball has been set rolling which will no stop. Next Tuesday the whole question of England's defences is to be raised in the house of commons.

Meanwhile the Times tells the country that it may safely trust to Salisbury and Smith, and the Telegraph shricks as if the invader were already upon us. Even Ireland is forgotten. The people every where are talking about our pitable condition. There's no mistake about the same. It is genuine, though at present not very acute. If the whole truth were known undoubtedly it would soon rise to a fever heat. Wasteful ness, mismanagement and jobbery have done

Can it be a fact, by-the-by, that

the English army costs £80 a man and the American army £201 per man! So the Duke of Cambridge told the committee, and it seemed a most startling statement. He also stated that the English war office costs £260,000; and the American nearly £396,000. Is it possible that these figures can be correct? If so, it is evident that John Bull has a companion in misfortune.

THE NOOSE IN SIGHT. Murderer Tim Barrett's Execution Set for July 13.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 12 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-Tim Barrett now stands almost within the shadows of the gallows. The only thing that stands between him and the noose is an appeal to the supreme court from the order of the lower court upon questions of law involved in the case. This morning when Sheriff Swanson entered his office he found the heavy official envelope containing Tim Barrett's death warrant, signed by Governor Mill, lying upon his desk. The fatal date set for the execution is marked off and distinguished from the mass of legal verbiage wrapped about it by blood-red lines as if the writer had taken that means of calling attention to the fatility of the day.

Sheriff Swanson himself himself under-took the duty of imforming the boys of the decision of the governor. After the custom-ary "Good morning; how are you feeling, Tim," to which Tim answered, "I'm all right," the sheriff said: "Well, Tim, do you think you are prepared to die."

"I don't give a d—n," was the surly

"It now becomes my duty," continued the sheriff, "to inform you that the governor has designated the 13th of July as the day for your execution, and I hope you will bear up like a man until that time.

Tim hung his head and was silent. In spite of the fact that the boys assume to be utterly careless about the result of their appeal to the supreme court, it is evident that Tim at least is suffering intensely. He has grown thin and pale during the past few weeks, and becomes extremely nervous when ever the prospect of death is presented to him. He is evidently a man of a very low grade of intelligence and has not the fortitude to stand up under a severe mental strain. It is likely that the boys will soon be removed to a room away from the remainder of the prisoners, where they may be left alone to their own thoughts and devices. At present there is no suitable provision for them in the jail.

Gone to Glory. CHICAGO, May 12.-Zeph Davis, colored, was hanged at 11:17 this morning. The crime for which Davis suffered was committed about 7 o'clock on the morning of February 27 in Greene Bros. factory, his victim being Maggie Gaughan, a pretty little girl about fifteen years old. Zeph was employed in the factory, where Maggie also worked, as fore-man. The body of his victim was found in the afternoon of that day in a closet in the rear of the building under a pile of rags and was horribly mutillated. Davis confessed to kill-ing the girl because sha refused to obey his

Davis was the first colored man hanged in

MURDEROUS TRAIN ROBBERS. They Secure Small Booty But Kill the

Conductor and Wound Others. NOGALES, Ariz., May 12 .- Six train robbers, supposed to be Mexicans, attacked a south bound Sonora train as it was standing at a small station called Adaa Jarca, about 10 o'clock last night. The robbers opened fire and killed the fireman and wounded several others, one of whom, conductor Atkinson, has since died. Messenger Hay was badly wounded in the head and back. The Wells Fargo box, containing about \$140 was taken. The railway officials have offered a reward of \$1,000 for the robbers' capture. A

se of Mexican troops and citizen are in pursuit. name of the fireman who was killed was Forbes. Conductor Atkinson died this norning. Express Messenger Hay has been are about even. A passenger named Frenc and another railroad man were also severely wounded. A train started from Adua this morning with an armed posse.

Postoffice Changes.

WASHINGTON, May 12 .- [Special Telegran to THE BEE.]—The following Nebraska post offices will be discontinued from May 25: Coxville, Dawes county; Leonard, Dawes county, and Natick, Thomas county.

The following lowa postmasters were appointed to-day: G. S. Burnett, Moville Woodbury county, vice Louis Countryman resigned; Thomas Hastie, Summerset, War ren county, vice John C. Ashe, resumed.

At a Standstill.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., May 12.-The situation here is unchanged. The embankment that protected the low land has withstood the river nobly, notwithstanding that a high wind has prevailed and lashed the water into waves. A stand is reported at Duquque and the rise here has been very slight. It is be-lieved that the highest has been reached, and that this city will come through in much that this city will come through in much better shape than it did in the high water of

He Breeds a Scab. RAVENNA, May 12 .- [Special to THE BEE. -H. Cochran, one of the B. & M. scabs a this point, got his foot crushed, while at

tempting to jump on an engine in motion He is a well to do farmer living about a mile from town, who went to scabbing at the be ginning of the strike and at the time of the accident he was firing in the yard on a switch engine. It is thought he will probably have his foot amputated. Rejected the Amendment.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 12 .- After a lengthy discussion in the commons last night an amendment to the resolution embodying the acceptance of the Canadian Pacific railway's terms for the cancellation of monopoly privi-leges in Manitoba and the northwest terri-tories was defeated. The resolutions were then adopted.

Editor Childs' Birthday. PHILADELAHIA, Pa., May 12 .- The anniver sary of George W. Childs' birthday was fit tingly celebrated this evening by the International Typographical union at a banquetable. During the evening Mr. Childs appeared in the hall, and after being introduced to many persons departed for home.

Killed Him Because He Snored. PERU, Ind., May 12. John Keppardt and Albert Behr were to-day placed in jail for drunkeness. Behr became incensed because Keppardt snored while asleep and jumping on him with his heavy boots kicked the life out of the sleeping man, crushing his skull and also inflicting injuries with a pen-knife,

from which Keppardt died almost instantly

Navigation Open to Duluth. DULUTH, Minn., May 12 .- | Special Tele gram to THE BEE. |- Navigation with the lower lakes was opened to this point to-day. Heavy arrivals of coal and shipments of wheat characterized the first day's business. There are hundreds of miles of ice in Lake

Weather Indications. For Nebraska and Iowa: Warmer, fair weather, winds becoming light to fresh southerly. For Eastern and Southwestern Dakota: Warmer, weather, winds becoming light to

Falling at Winona. WINONA, May 12.-The water here has fallen 314 inches in the twenty-four hours, up to noon, making a total of 7% inches in

## FASHION AND FOLLY.

Paris' Summer Frolics Start Out With Encouraging Success.

PARTIES, BALLS AND MATINEES.

The Leaders of Society and the Dresses They Wore.

The Gay Capital Contains Them By the Hundred.

AMERICANS ON THE PROMENADES

A Peep at a Statue on Which He is Laboring of General Lec-Social,

Personal and General

French News.

INTERVIEW WITH A SCULPTOR.

The Social Season at Its Height. [Copyright 1888 by James Gordon Bennett.]

Paris, May 12 .- [New York Herald Cable -Special to The Ber. ]-We are enjoying the most delightful spring weather with all that the term means in Paris. The wind was nip ping and treacherous in the middle of the week, but now the air is balmy, the sky is cloudless and the Champs Elysees is like a garden. The boise is taking on its spring glory, and of course Americans are arriving by the hundreds. Among other well known Americans, I have seen Mrs. Frank Thayer of Detroit, Mr. D. C. Breckinridge of St. Louis, Mrs. J. B. Lincoln of Boston, Mrs. Gail Hamilton, Mrs. Abraham Hewett, Mr. and Mrs. Clearance An drews, Mrs. Osgood Putnam, Mr. Frank Pendleton, Dr. and Miss Cording of New York, and Mr. and Mrs. U. B. Harrington of Boston. By the hundred? In fact, as I walked along the Champs Elysees on Thursday, the fete day of the Ascension, when all Paris was abroad in the streets, I might have imagined I was in Fifth avenue on Easter Sunday, I saw so many familiar faces. on the boulevards, in the Rue de la Pariseverywhere, if you stop to look at the display in the shop windows you are sure to be elbowed by some American and hear some remark made in English. Americans don't go to Paris when they die, they wisely go when they are alive, and a great many of them are

Among the latest arrivals is Mr. Blaine, who according to Galignani's Messenger yesterday is looking haggard and anything but improved by his Italian trip. I am afraid Galignani's informant did not see Mr. Blaine. He is not in ilfhealth nor is he haggard. On the contrary he is stronger and more robust than ever and has greatly benefitted by his trip south. He won't be interviewed on that topic or any other just at present, but there is growing conviction here amon americans that he is strong and well, and that if the nomination is forced upon him, although he may refuse it thrice he may be obliged to accept it in the end.

Friday has been adopted by the society as Chic Day at the salon. The big picture show was bright with pretty faces and bonnets yesterday. At every turn I elbowed social and artistic celebrities.

The Paris season is at its height. Balls bazaars and matinees follow in quick suc cussion. The Duchess dela Rochefou cauld Doudeauville gave another brilliant ball at her mansion in Rue Varenness this week. Over two thou sand were present. Among the number was Queen Isabella, who, on her arrival about midnight, was gallantly presented with superb bouquet of roses of the Spanish col ors of vellow and red by the duke.

Lady Lytton's five o'clocks hold their own among social attractions. On Monday the usual tea was followed by a dinner and re ception. The hostess wore a toile in lilac satin, the train figured with large flowers in violet velvet and the skirt front and corsage draped with lilac crape. Around her throat was clasped a magnificent collar necklace of diamouds and pearls, from which hung a pendant in large diamonds. Lady Constance Lytton wore a train and corsage in dark brown faille, with a draped skirt front in pale beige colored crepe. A magnificent toilet was worn by a German baroness. It had a skirt in white tucked tulle, over which fell a second skirt in plain white tulle, set with large gold spangles. the corsage gracefully draped with gold yellow satin. She had a directoric ceinture of the same material, a band of yellow satir being worn in a high coiffure. A profusion of magnificent diamonds ornamented this very elegant dress. Baronne Adolphe de Rothschild's matines

Tuesday was a most briliant affair, the beautiful hotel and gardens were thrown open to 1,200 guests; the salons were heavy with the scent of roses and gay with the pink azalias. The gathering was very cosmopolitan, bringing together the diplomatic corps of many nations, the society of the Fauburg St. Germain and leading representatives of art, literature and music. At 5 o'clock, when the concert began, the hotel was thronged. Mile Arnoldson was the vocalist of the afternoon The young cantatrice was becomingly attired in a white lace and ribbon gauze gown, with a white striped derectoire hat trimmed with tea roses. Lady Lytton sat next to the miniature stage, gowned in black satin with an old gold silk vest covered with black lace. She wore a most effective gold and black braided bonnet, with white aigrettes. Lady Constance Lytton looked radiant in dark green cloth, with a white lace and pink tulle bonnet, trimmed with small pink roses. Mme. De Rothschild flitted about amongst her guests attired in a summer dress of cream and dark blue striped silk. Baroness De Mohrinheim was in a white and violet colored silk, resplendent with diamonds and jewels. Princess De

Cystric, nee Mile De Trevise, was beautiful in a white and gold and a black lace directoire but. Princess De Sceymontheliard. nee Miss Singer, wore an old rose brocaded gown and a pink tulle bonnet.

In the garden of the beautiful residence, which was fragrant with roses, tulips and primroses, a string band discoursed the most excellent music Among the guests were Bonnot, the artist. Brulatour, Baron Von Hoffman, the Comte and Comtessee De Beaufort, Mr. Ferdinand Strakosch, Comte and Comtesse E. Depourtones, Duc and Duchess E. Dalboufera, Prince De Caraman, M. Georges Ohnet, M. Heilbuth, Comtesse E. De Gonse, Princess Galitzin, Duc De Doudeaville, Mme. Deacon, Duchess E. De Luynes Barn, Edmond De Rothschild, Princess De Sogan, Marquis E. De Gallinot, Count Munster, B aron and Baroness Alphonse De Rothschild and Duc De

The funeral of the late Mme. Lesieur, the oldest American resident of Paris, took place Tuesday afternoon at the American church on the avenue De Lalma and was very largely attended. The funeral service was impressively read by Rev. Dr. Morgan Amongst those present were Mrs. Walsden Pell, Miss Vernon, Mrs. Lamson, Mr. Draper, Mrs. Mynell, the baroness De Kleick, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Beer, Mrs. Giles, Mrs. Stryckland and the Misses Stryckland, Mrs. Fognam and daughter and Mr. Penniman. After the religious service the cortege proceeded to the cemetery of Pere Lachiss, where the remains were interred.

Duelling shows no sign of abating. The fate of the unfortunate dupes did not prevent the Marquis De Osmond and Baron De Boismelet from crossing swords this week at Leuisinet. The motive is said to have been a business quarrel. M. Antonin Merci, the sculptor, received

me yesterday at his new hotel in Avenue de la Observatoire. His study is a spacious hall on the ground floor, draped with tapestries. He is a short, well-built man, very Parisian both in dress and in manners. M. Merci carefully uncovered a fine bust finished of General Lee, exactly as the statue will be when completed. Said he: "Miss Lee, the general's daughter, has been here and given her ideas as to certain details of physiognomy. She finds the likeness striking. This is what we are going to put on horseback. The horse will be modeled from nature in a gentleman's stable. Why do I say we? Because I have read the history of General Lee and was so pleased with it that I induced my master, M. Falguire, to compete at the same time as myself for the honor of producing the statue. Mine was accepted and M. Falguire helps me with his advice, just as I should have aided him with my handiwork had his design been accepted. That is why I say we " From his new house M. Merci drove me to his studio on the boulevard St. Michael. where he showed a model for a monument of Lafayette on foot on a pedestal, with allegorical figures on two sides and America

kneeling in front to offer a trophy. The Paris edition of the Herald this morning contains the following: "Our friendly contemporary, Galignani's Messenger, said yesterday in his notes on the news, that Mr. James G. Blaine was seen driving in an open cab and that his Italian tour had evidently not improved his physical condition; that his face looked haggard, etc. We fear that the reporter who furnished this intelligence has not seen Mr. Blaine, as from all we hear from Americans who have chatted with Mr. Blaine since his return to Paris, and other Americans who have seen him in the street, he is more ro bust than ever, thus setting at rest the wild stories that have been going about in regard

### PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCES. Resume of the Positions of Minnesota

County Conventions. St. Paul, Minn., May 12.- Most of the Minnesota county conventions have new been held, some thirty occurring to-day. Without exception the democratic conventions endorsed President Cleve-land and his tariff reduction views. Almost all the republican conventions have declared in favor of some reduction of the tariff. For president Blaine slightly leads Gresham but the latter is the second choice of most of those who declare themselves favor able to Blaine should he be a candidate.

.The Methodist Conference. NEW YORK, May 12 .- Rev. Charles C. Mc-

Lean, St. Jonn's river, created quite a sensation in the Methodist Episcopal conference to-day by offering a resolution to the effect that no one should be elected or consecrated a bishop until he had taken a cast-iron oath to abstain from the use of tobacco. It was

voted down.

A resolution from the Kansas conference was offered to the effect that mass meetings be held by members of the conference testing against the liquor traffic. It moved to lay the resolution on the table and ost. The resolution was referred to committee on temperance. The conference adjourned until Monday.

An African Methodist Row.

Indianapolis, May 12.-In the African Methodist Episcopal conference to-day the subject of a union with the Canadian church came up. At the close of the speeches pro and con, a series of resolutions were read declaring the union consummated and all conditions fulfilled and that the general conference will support it as strongly as pos-When the vote came to be the ayes and nays, many voters desired to explain their position or to favor the union but not the clause which said all conditions had been fulfilled. The audience was in a continuous uproar and owing to the number of explanations made the vote proceeded slowly. When Bishop Payne was called he said the union was based on a deception, suppression and absolute lying, and voted against it. This created a sensation and some hisses were heard. All the rest of the bishops voted yea and the resolutions were

A Fatal Disaster.

ISHPEMING, Mich., May 12 .- By careless ness in Cleveland mine this morning a tram car carrying a ton and a half of ere was dumped into a shaft where it fell on several killing one, seriously injuring another, and bruising two others.

Murdered His Mistress. KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 12.-John Jones colored, known under numerous aliases, shot and fatally wounded Mary Wise, his mis tress, last night. He made his escape. He

s also wanted in St. Louis for the murder of

Reuben Howard last June.

Official News About The Emperor Not Always Reliable. HE IS STILL GROWING STRONGER.

DOCTORED BULLETINS

Recovery. THE WAR CLOUD IS GROWING.

But There is No Hope of His

Even Bismarck Does Not Diguise His Apprehensions.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH SALISBURY.

Why the English Premier Was in Such Haste to Strengthen National Defenses and Renew Negotiations With Germany.

Suppressing the Worst.

[Copyright 18-8 by the N. Y. Associated Press.] Berlin, May 12 .- The emperor has again passed a good day. A baseless report circulated this afternoon that there had been a recurrence of the inflammation, caused general excitement till the results of inquiry at the palace were published. The official news concerning his condition is not entirely trustworthy as the doctors join in the concealment of the worst phases of his malady and in making the best of any change for the best. But reliable information that has been indirectly obtained tends towards the hope that the emperor's life will be prolonged beyond recent expectations. The favorable symptom is his increasing strength. The result of to-day's examination of the emperor's throat discourages every hope of more than momentary recovery. Dr. Mackenzie reports that the local malady is making rapid progress.

Prince Bismarck's solicitude to prevent the public mind being lulled into a deceptive calm regarding the chances for war is shown in the promptitude with which were made denials of the prediction placed in his mouth in connection with the Schurz interview. Schurz did not communicate to any persons the subject of his conversation with the chancellor. He is therefore not responsible for what, in an official note in the North German Gazette, he termed an absolute invention. The truth is, official circles, from Prince Bismarck outwards, continue to take the gravest view of the internal situation. The chancellor's latest efforts have been directed towards bringing England into closer relations with the triple alliance. During the visit of the

Duke of Rutland to Berlin the chancellor so impressed him with the imminence of a great European conflict, that he was led to report it to the English cabinet in terms that scared negotiations with the chancellor and Count Kalnoky, the Austrian prime minister, looking to a conference of the powers to settle the Bulgarian question and to revise the Berlin treaty. The duke's reports also had the effect of hastening the English government's plans for national defense, which seemed most meagre and insufficient. The Kreuz Zeitung sums up the position as a short spell of apparent peace. The nations, it says, are slumbering on a crater which will erupt in a day and surprise even those evil influences which are trying to foment wars. If the central powers find the czar unyielding, they will not wait for him to mass a million men on the frontier before giving battle. Advices from St. Petersburg state that the new pan-Slavist reorganization is embracing most of the military and civil officials. General Ignatieff. who openly advocates a French alliance, has in interviews expressed confidence that Russia, singly can beat back Germany and Austria, and united with France can extinguish the triple alliance. Military circles in Berlin look forward to a summer or autumn campaign. At the annual staff dinner recently, Count Von Waldersee, in toasting Count Von Moltke alluded to near events. He said he was confident Count Von Moltke would guide operations

so as to give to the army new victories. The upper house of the landtag has approved Herr Gossler's proposal for the relief of the Catholic orders. Its chief stipulation is that the seventeen orders soliciting re-admission to Prussia be allowed to return and also be re-endowed with the rights and propi erties forfeited when they were dissolved in

FELL FROM A TRESTLE. Fatal Wreck on the Southern Pacific

in Arizona. YUMA, Ariz., May 12.—The Southern Pacific west bound passenger train was badly wrecked at Gila Bend early this morning by jumping the track while passing over a new trestle. The emigrant and smoking cars, day coaches and one sieeper fell from the trestle to the ground, a distance of five feet, turn-ing completely over. Mrs. Good of England, an emigrant passenger, was instantly killed, leaving a husband and three small children who were traveling with her. Two other passengers had their legs broken and numbers sustained slight injuries.

Steamship Arrivals.

NEW YORK, May 12.—[Special Telegram to The Bre.]—Arrived—The steamer Celtic and the City of Chester from Liverpool. QUEENSTOWN, May 12.-Arrived-The

steamer Auronia from New York. Southampton, May 12.-Arrived-The steamer Noordland from New York for Ham-PLYMOUTH, May 12.—Arrived—The steamer Willand from New York for Hamburg.

A Michigan Cattle Quarantine. DETHOIT, May 12 .- Governor Luce has issued a proclamation forbidding the importation into Michigan of all neat cattle from all points south of the thirty-sixth parallel of latitude, except such as are merely in transif across the state. These will only be une loaded and fed at specially designated yards. In order to avoid inconvenience the state of Michigan will establish agencies at the Chi-cago and East St. Louis stockyards from May 21 till November 1, during which time the proclamation will be in effect.